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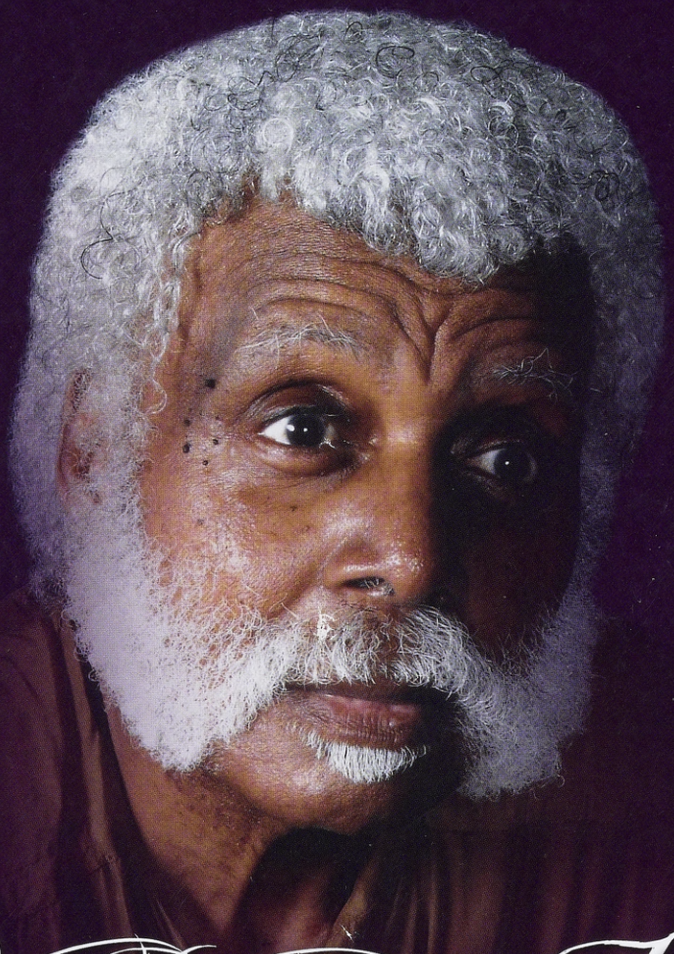


Fred Davis Jackson

February 6, 1938 ~ September 8, 2011

Services Held
Thursday, September 15, 2011 6:00 p.m.
North Richmond M.B.C. - 1427 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA

Friday, September 16, 2011 11:00 a.m.
Richmond Auditorium - 3230 MacDonald Ave, Richmond, CA

Officiating
Superintendent Yaahn Hunter

Order of Service

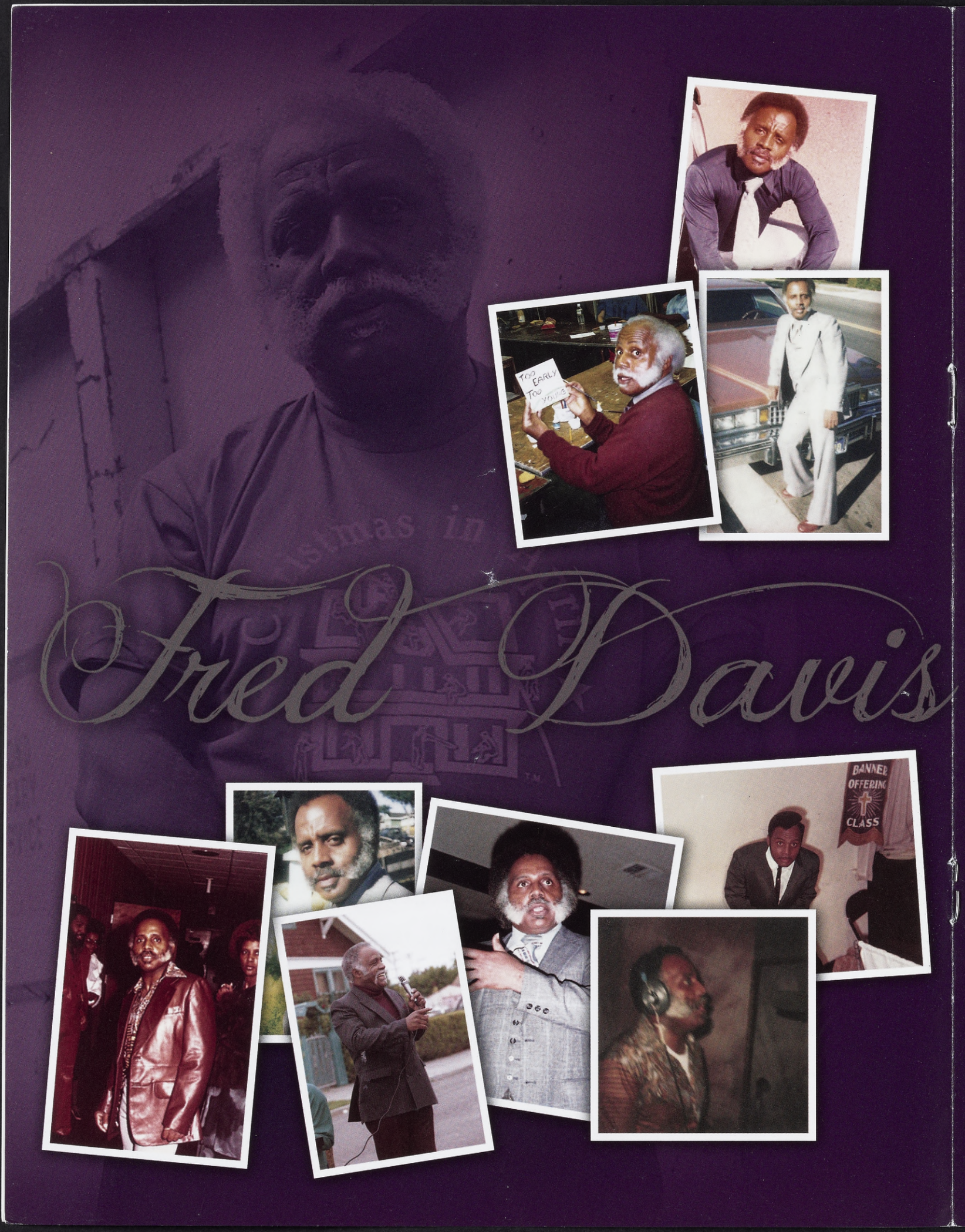
Thursday, September 15, 2011

Facilitator	Dorothy Stanton
Prayer & Reflections	Pastor Patrick Foster
Music Selections ***"Touch the Hem of His Garment"***	William Turner
Expressions (3 minutes)	Mayor Gayle McLaughlin Jerrold Hatchett, Sims Metal County Supervisor John Gioia City Council Member Corky Booze
Music Selection ***"Main Master"***	Derick Hughes
Expressions (3 minutes, please)	Corrine Sain Jimmy Guy City Councilmember Tom Butts AJ Jelani
Music Selection ***"I Have Someone"***	Flokey Vanhook
Expressions (3 minutes, please)	Community & Friends
Music Selection ***"Chains"***	Robin Hodge-Williams
Closing Remarks	Pastor Patrick Foster

Order of Service

Friday, September 16, 2011

Processional	Robin Hodge-Williams
Scripture Reading (Old Testament)	Elder Gregory Curtis
Scripture Reading (New Testament)	Pastor Jacari Cousins
Prayer	Pastor Raymond Landry
Selection .... ***"Medley"***	Jackson Brothers
Reflections	Barbara Becnel
Solo ..... ***"Chains"***	Robin Hodge-Williams
Reflections	Congressman George Miller
	County Supervisor John Gioia
	Senator Loni Hancock
Selection .... ***"I Was One of Them"***	Jackson Brothers
Family Expressions	Laura Otis
	Elder B. Kemp
Solo ..... ***"Cross in the Middle"***	Paul Foster Jr.
Acknowledgement of Cards & Obituary	Shantina Jackson & Sharon Williams
Selection .... ***"Walk Out"***	Jackson Brothers
Words of Comfort	Bishop A. Galbraith & Clergy
Eulogy	Pastor Patrick Foster
Video ..... ***"One Step at a Time"***	Fred Jackson Celebration Program
Party View	Stewart Rose Manor Staff
Selection ..... ***"Reunion"***	Jackson Family


Fred Davis
TOO EARLY TOO YOUNG
BANNER OFFERING
CLASS

Fred Davis Jackson was born on February 6, 1938 in Jayess, Mississippi to Leo and Idella Jackson. He was the eldest of nine children. As a child, Fred loved to sing. It was no surprise when he, three brothers and a cousin formed a group and called themselves the Mt. Canaan Jubilees. Fred was a teenager when he came to the Richmond area and graduated from Richmond High School in 1957. Fred was so sensitive to the needs of his family. He was always the one to ensure peace and harmony so that Mother wouldn't have to worry when she went to work. We truly loved our big brother.

He accepted Christ and united with the Macedonia Missionary Baptist under the leadership of the late Rev. G.G. Griffin. He was a faithful servant and choir member. Fred, his brothers Sam, Charles, and Alphonce, Flokey Vanhook, along with Robert and Sam Walker formed the gospel group "The Melody Clouds". The group was very successful singing with the likes of The Soul Stirrers, Archie Brownlee and the Original Five Blind Boys of Mississippi, Willie Neal and the Gospel Key Notes, and the Mighty Clouds of Joy to name a few. It was during his travels to one of the many singing programs that Fred's life changed forever. While returning home, the group was in an automobile accident. Fred suffered severe head injuries. While in a coma, he had an encounter with his Savior. He made a promise that if he walked away from his injury he would sing gospel songs that "glorified Christ and that would help somebody". The first song he wrote after his promise was "I Have Someone". He would go on to write such favorites as The Cross in The Middle, Too Early Too Young, One Step at a Time, Let Us Not Forget (Jonestown Memorial), and many many more.

Fred served in the U.S. Army for six years. During a tour of military service in Germany, he visited the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp where Anne Frank died. This experience fueled his desire to see peace in his own community. While there, Fred wrote a poem that was to be read to President John F. Kennedy.

Fred met and married, Dorothy J. Kemp in 1970. From this union, a son, Fredrick was born. Fred and his brothers (Sam, Charles, Alphonce, Leo, and Lonnie) became the Jackson Brothers and were joined by musicians Billy Kemp and Bennie Bolton. The group traveled throughout the state and were especially known for singing in the prisons and high schools. Fred was an original member of the Local #10 choir. He was introduced to a minister who would begin teaching bible study to the choir. From that bible study, Independent Holiness Church was organized under the leadership of Pastor Tommie Bradford. Fred would become an innovative bible study teacher and choir member. He had the special gift of being able to teach the bible to the youth through song. Fred graciously assisted many local churches and choirs, often rendering original song selections whenever called upon. He united with Abundant Grace Fellowship Ministries COGIC, under the leadership of Pastor Patrick Foster (his nephew), once again teaching teens until his illness slowed him down.

Fred, also a playwright, is widely known for writing, producing, and presenting to the Bay Area "BROTHER DAP" an African American History Musical. Fred was one of the co-founders of Noah's Ark Gospel Chateau in Richmond, the first gospel nightclub that featured the likes of the Edwin Hawkins Choir, Shirley Caesar, the Winans, the Rance Allen Group and many local bay area groups.

Fred received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from University of Phoenix. He worked for many years as a manager at Pacific Bell Telephone Company. After retiring in 1991, he began a second career as a full-time activist. He was chairman of the county's Economic Opportunity Council, served on the board of the Richmond Main Street Initiative, and was a member of the City Arts and Culture Commission. In 1993, he became community resource coordinator for Neighborhood House of North Richmond. He was Youth Services Coordinator of the Internet Project for Street Peace, an international reading, writing, computer, literacy, and youth leadership development program that has received critical acclaim. He formed partnerships in the community, and donated a portion of land that allowed the City of Richmond to build the Trinity Plaza Housing complex for low income senior citizens. Symbolic of Jackson's commitment to unify communities, the City of Richmond and Contra Costa County renamed Third Street in North Richmond and Filbert Street in Richmond "Fred Jackson Way."

Fred leaves to mourn his son, Fredrick Jackson, two step-sons, Vince Conn and Raymond McKinley; Eight brothers: Alphonce and Leo of Richmond, Charles and Lonnie of Sacramento, Leo, Kerry, Ace and Melvin of New Orleans. Four sisters: Elane and Dorothy of Richmond, Lovie and Ladine of New Orleans. Nine sisters in-law: LaRue, Myrethia, and Cassandra of Richmond, Delorice and Gwen of Sacramento, Rita, Delia, Norma and Abigail of New Orleans. Three brothers-in-law: Paul and Glenn of Richmond, and Aaron of New Orleans. One aunt, Q.T. Butler of San Francisco, and two dear cousins, Clara Shavers of Chicago and Laura Otis of San Pablo and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and close friends.

I LOVE MY WIFE

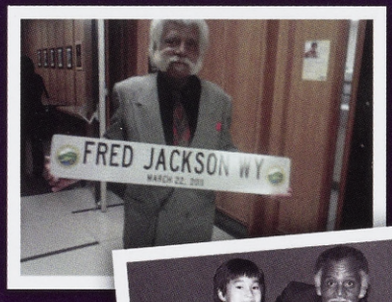
My Loving Father

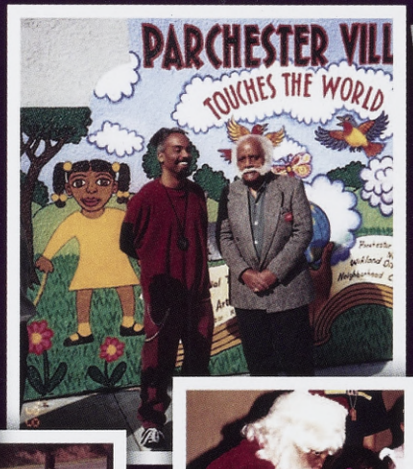
I have loved and admired you my whole life. You showed me by example what I can accomplish through hard work and determination. You to taught me to be unselfish and caring but most of all you taught me to be a good man. You impacted the lives of so many, yet you were always there for me with your wisdom and words of encouragement. I'm gonna miss you pop...I'm so proud to be your son.

Fredrick D. Jackson

For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians - Chapter 5 (KJV)





Active Pallbearers

Bobby Williams
Kevin Jackson
Zoillo Jackson
Marjahni Jackson
Montian Jackson
James Robinson

Honorary Pallbearers

Charles Jackson
Alphonce Jackson
Leo Jackson
Lonnie Jackson
Paul Foster Jr.
Glenn Fox

Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park - Richmond, California

STEWART'S
Rose Manor Funeral Service
3331 Macdonald Avenue - Richmond, California

My Legacy

"At my departure, let it be said that I was a soldier of social fortune. Let it be known that I was engaged in an assault on those dynamics that were erecting walls of divisions among humanity, impeding the worldwide brotherhood that the champions of serenity have long hope would be realized. Let it be understood that I did not always take the giant steps in life. Many of my paces have been baby steps, sometimes stumbling and falling down. But when history judges my deeds, let it be seen that my niche in society created a stitch in the social tapestry and that my woven piece in the cloth of humanity helped to advance the cause of world peace."

Taken from "Thoughts Set Free on the Wings of Expression"
Written by Fred D. Jackson

Acknowledgments

The Jackson family wishes to thank you for the love and kindness you have shared with us during this time. Words cannot express how much we thank you for the expressions of sympathy, and all the help you provided us during our moment of sorrow. To Barbara Becnel, the City of Richmond, Chevron, Abundant Grace Fellowship Ministries COGIC, Independent Community Church, and every local church and community organization, we are truly grateful for your friendship, generosity, and support.

Designed By, Al Stewart, Jr. (510) 758-7939